



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 11

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Redistricting. Provides that the general assembly may establish a commission to draw congressional and legislative districts. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.



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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the general assembly.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
- 4 to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 5. **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b)**, the
- 8 General Assembly elected during the year in which a federal decennial
- 9 census is taken shall fix by law the number of Senators and
- 10 Representatives and apportion them among districts according to the
- 11 number of inhabitants in each district, as revealed by that federal



- 1 decennial census.
- 2 **(b) The General Assembly may by law establish a commission**
3 **to draw congressional and legislative districts according to the**
4 **number of inhabitants in each district and other criteria**
5 **established by law. If the General Assembly establishes a**
6 **commission under this subsection, the following apply:**
- 7 **(1) The General Assembly shall fix the number of Senators**
8 **and Representatives.**
- 9 **(2) The districts drawn by the commission are the districts for**
10 **election of members of Congress and for members of the**
11 **General Assembly, respectively.**
- 12 **(c) The territory in each district shall be contiguous.**

